

November 7, 2008

## **The Life of Lewis Barondeau**

- Mass of Christian Burial for Lewis Barondeau, 88, of Conde will be 10:30 am, Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Catholic Church, Conde. Father Bill Osborn will officiate. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.
- Visitation will be held at the church in Conde from 4-8pm with a liturgical wake at 7:30pm.
- Lewis died November 4, 2008 in Conde.
- Lewis was born to Frank and Lena (Goetz) Barondeau at Onaka, SD on March 2, 1920. He married Clara Deis January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1943 at San Buera Ventura Mission at Ventura, California. Lewis joined the army February 27<sup>th</sup> 1942 serving his country in WWII driving tank and truck for the 35<sup>th</sup> Division in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, Belgium, Holland, Luxemburg,



Germany and the Battle of The Bulge. He received his honorable discharge October 5, 1945, and returned to Onaka, SD to farm. Lewis and Clara moved to a farm near Conde, SD in the fall of 1949 and farmed there together until 1985 when they retired and built a home in Conde, SD.

- Lewis enjoyed being a farmer and helped with the farm long after he retired. He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, The Conde Legion Post, and the Turton VFW for over 50 years. He served on the township board for 30 years.
- Lewis was honored for his service in WWII receiving The Knight of the Legion of Honor from the French Consulate in March 2007. Lewis enjoyed talking about his time "overseas," and was featured in the Life Section of the Sioux Falls Argus Leader May 27, 2001 written by his granddaughter as a personal tribute called "Celebrating Grandpa's Service." Lewis's personal recollection of WWII, recorded on DVD, is now part of the permanent collection of the Library of Congress through the Veterans History Project in Washington, DC. Additional information and pictures of Lewis are also a part of the book "Hometown Heroes Saluting Northeast South Dakota Veterans" published fall 2008.
- Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Clara, of Conde, SD; two sons Lewis (Candy) of Lutherville, MD and Dwain (Judy) of Bismarck, ND; two daughters Rosemary (Lynn) Sanderson Conde, SD, and Margie (Dale) Washnok of Aberdeen, SD, nine grandchildren, four great grandchildren, two brothers Celestine (Mary) and Frank (Rhea) Barondeau of Onaka, SD, one sister-in-law, Cora Barondeau of Roscoe, one brother-in-law, Louis Hagenlock of Gettysburg, and several nieces and nephews.
- He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, and one sister.
- Casket bearers will be all his grandchildren: Diana Phillips, Brad Barondeau, Amy Barondeau, Christopher Barondeau, Jennifer Hyk, Andria Sanderson, Jacob Sanderson, Rebecca Washnok, and James Washnok.